GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

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CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND OFFICES
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of regional offices operating under the Central Provident Fund Office, State-wise;

(b) the number of persons being administered by the Regional Office in Rajahmundry and Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the procedure for monitoring such offices; and

(d) the steps proposed to improve their functioning?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) : There are 17 Regional EPF Offices i.e. one each operating in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh,Maharashtra & Goa, North Eastern Region, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(b) : There are 3,54,212 EPF subscribers attached to the Sub Regional Offices of Rajahmundry and Visakhapatnam.

(c) & (d) : Periodical reports/returns along with Annual Business Plan have been laid down formonitoring of local EPF offices.In addition, inspections are also undertaken by the CPFC and other senior officers on a regular basis.In order to expedite disposal of EPF claims a massive computerization programme has been launched in the EPF offices includingoffices in Rajahmundry and Visakhapatnam. A statutory time limit of 30 days has been fixed for settlement of Provident fund/Pension claims complete in all respects. Necessary arrangement has been made for disbursement of pension to the retired workers through the State Bank of India and the Andhra Bank. Periodical meetings with bankers are held so as to eliminate scope of delay in disbursement of pension. Lok Adalat is also being organized once in a month for prompt settlement of individual grievances.